



**Order No. STF 2014-12**  
**Fraser Flat Road and Trail Closure**  
**Stanislaus National Forest**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Mi Wok Ranger District of the Stanislaus National Forest. This Order is effective from November 1, 2014 until December 15, 2014.

1. Being on National Forest System Road No. 4N01, from its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N90 then continuing north to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N13.  
36 CFR 261.54(e).
2. Being on National Forest System Trail No. 4N01C (Sugarpine Railway Trail), from its Intersection with Forest Road No. 4N01 then continuing east 300 feet to the cement barrier, as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR 261.55(a).

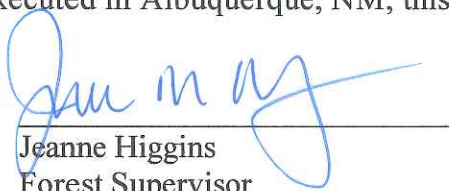
Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from the Order:

1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions contained in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571, and 3581.

Executed in Albuquerque, NM, this 31st day of October, 2014.

  
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Jeanne Higgins  
Forest Supervisor  
Stanislaus National Forest

This Order supersedes Order No. STF 2014-10, dated August 27, 2014.



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Subject: Fraser Flat Closure STF 2014-12

To: Project File

From: Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor

I am issuing Forest Order STF-2014-12 to close Forest Road No. 4N01 and the trailhead of Sugarpine Railway Trail. Previously it was necessary to close only the trailhead. Construction has now progressed and I have determined it is unsafe for the public to be upon the roadway in addition to the trailhead. The order is to protect members of the public and will be in effect until December 15, 2014.

On August 18, 2014, work began on Forest Road No. 4N01 to prepare for a bridge replacement. On September 3, 2014, work to remove and replace the bridge on Forest Road No. 4N01 over the South Fork of the Stanislaus River made the road unsafe for cars and non-motorized activities because river crossings were rendered impassable. Supplies and materials, machinery, and earth moving equipment are staged and being used in the construction area that includes the roadway of Forest Road No. 4N01 and the Sugarpine Railway Trailhead. The equipment and construction on the road and the trail present unsafe conditions for pedestrians, people engaged in non-motorized recreation, and vehicles. Work completed to date includes pouring the concrete for the new abutment footings and walls. Work also includes excavation for the retaining wall on the north side of the bridge. In the next phase, workers will complete the footings for the bridge and road retaining walls. Rock removed in the Pinecrest Beach improvement project was hauled to the site to be used to protect the upstream slopes adjacent to the new abutments.

I estimate that the new bridge will be in place by December 15, 2014. The contractor will place the new bridge deck before demolishing the existing bridge so limited emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the duration of this project.

Scoping with external partners and local residents did not reveal any concerns about the action. The Forest Service will install signs and post notices to alert the public to these prohibitions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d) (I)-prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety - and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

cc: Stanislaus LEI Patrol Captain, Heidi Rieck



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